



# WHALES TALES



Saturday 17th December, 2022

## Maroon win Whales Challenge #2

In a tight finish, the Maroon team won last week's second round of the Whales Challenge, defeating the White team 816-803.

The deciding round will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> March next year, so we have a bit of a wait to see who will come out on top in the 2022/23 season.

## NSW Senior State Age Championships

Well done to Alison Johnston and Leo Zhu on their results at the NSW Senior State Age Championships this week.

Alison's time in the 50m Freestyle was just 0.07 outside her best time this season, while Leo swam a PB in the 200m Breaststroke.

Well done to both swimmers!

## Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party will be held **next Saturday** in conjunction with the Club Races from 7am. Races, including the Junior Handicap will be followed by Novelty Events and a BBQ and will be finished by 9:30am.

Enter the races as normal, and complete the Novelty Events form on the [Online Entries](#) page.

## School Holiday Program

Time is running out to register for our School Holiday Program, with only a few spots left!

This program is for kids aged 5 to 12 and is open to both members and non-members. More details [here](#).

## Learn to Swim

This is the last week of Learn to Swim for this year. Lessons resume on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> February. Thanks to our instructors and helpers for running the program.

## Christmas/New Year Break

Our last club morning for 2022 is the 24<sup>th</sup> December. Races will resume on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2023.

## The Merrylands 50s is back!

The Merrylands 50s is back on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> January!

"What is the Merrylands 50s?", I hear you ask.

The Merrylands 50s is a knockout handicap competition with 3 rounds: Preliminaries and Semi-Finals, all leading to a Final with a winner-takes-all prize at the end. The top swimmers from each round progress to the next round. Each swimmer is given a time handicap, so everyone has a chance of winning.

"Sounds cool! So how do I enter?"

Just enter Club Races as usual for the 7<sup>th</sup> January (entries will be available in the next few days).



*Swimmers finish the Final of the 2021 Merrylands 50s.*

## Helping on Saturday Mornings

Thank you to those families that helped out last week.

Please remember:

- Arrive before 6:50am to help setup
- Volunteer to time keep – we need 16 timekeepers to provide accurate timing – please don't make us come and ask.
- Help pack up before you leave

Don't know what needs to be done? Ask a member of the Committee and they can point you in the right direction.

## This is not the Baby-Sitters Club

Please remember: Parents of swimmers under the age of 18yrs are required to attend club races with their children. It is not a babysitting service.

## Are you going on holiday?

Squad Members: Are you going on holiday in December/January? Make sure you complete the form [here](#) to let us know as soon as possible.

## Lucky Door Prize

Each championship week, we have a Lucky Door prize. You could win your choice of a Speedo kickboard, flipper bag or pair of Opal Mirror goggles. How do you win? You must be in attendance at the Championship presentation when your name is called to win.

## Share your photos

Do you have photos from meets or club races you can share for the newsletter or presentation evening? Use the link in the weekly Whales Tales newsletter to upload them.

## Lions Club Award

Each month the Committee votes for the Lions Club Award – the club's Volunteer of the Year.

You can nominate a club member to recognise their service online [here](#).

## COVID-19 Conditions

Read the updated conditions for club races [here](#).

## Club Uniforms

Order club uniforms online [here](#).

## Junior Swimmers Results

We have seen more fantastic swimming and results in the 15m, 25m & 33m races over the last few weeks. Congratulations to the following swimmers on breaking the times for these events:

### 25m Freestyle

12/11/2022 – Connor Mackie

19/11/2022 – Caleb Mackie

3/12/2022 – Jude Johnston

3/12/2022 – Lily Palise

### 25m Backstroke

19/11/2022 – Connor Mackie\*

### 33m Breaststroke

12/11/2022 – Patrick Hannan\*

### 15m Freestyle

\* broke the time at their first attempt

## Upcoming Meet Calendar

Check the [website](#) for the full list of upcoming meets, closing dates, programs and qualifying times.

MEET NAME	MEET DATE	ENTRY CLOSING
MSW Long Course Qualifying Meet	8 <sup>th</sup> January	CLOSED
Speedo Sprint Series Heats	12 <sup>th</sup> February	31 <sup>st</sup> January
Merrylands SwimFest	18 <sup>th</sup> February	4 <sup>th</sup> February
NSW Senior Metropolitan Championships	25 <sup>th</sup> February & 26 <sup>th</sup> February	14 <sup>th</sup> February
Speedo Sprint Series Finals	4 <sup>th</sup> March	Qualify via Heats meet
NSW State Open Championships	10 <sup>th</sup> March to 12 <sup>th</sup> March	28 <sup>th</sup> February
NSW Junior State Age Championships	25 <sup>th</sup> March & 26 <sup>th</sup> March	14 <sup>th</sup> March

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